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- About 25 children were hospitalized after a carbon monoxide leak at a Chicago elementary school, Fire Media Affairs reported November 5. – *Chicago Sun-Times* (See item [22](#))
- As of November 4, more than 182,000 individuals in Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey registered for assistance, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved more than \$158 million for individuals to assist with housing and other disaster-related needs. – *Examiner.com* (See item [43](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *November 6, U.S. Department of Energy* – (National) **Department of Energy Hurricane Sandy Situation Report # 18.** As of November 6, there were 973,759 customers without power in the States affected by Hurricane Sandy, the U.S. Department of Energy reported. Out of the 8,511,251 combined total peak outages reported in the Situation Reports for all 21 States affected, 7,357,492 customers were restored. November 5, the Energy Information Administration (EIA) updated its report on the Retail Motor Gasoline Supply in the New York City Metropolitan Area. EIA estimated, based on an emergency survey of gasoline availability, that 24 percent of gas stations in the New York Metropolitan area did not have gasoline available for sale. Phillips 66 reported November 5 that it may be 2-3 weeks before its Bayway refinery located in Linden, New Jersey, can resume normal operations due to the necessary replacement of electrical equipment damaged by saltwater.
Source: <http://www.energyspf.com/latest-news/latest-national/38080-department-of-energy-hurricane-sandy-situation-report--18-november-6-2012-1000-am-est.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

2. *November 6, Holland Sentinel* – (Michigan) **Steam from leak at Palisades was radioactive, was safely contained.** The steam that leaked from a drain valve at Palisades Nuclear Power Plant in Covert Township, Michigan, November 4 contained low levels of radiation. The leak was contained in an auxiliary building and did not impact other equipment. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) had no immediate safety concerns with the issue, said the senior public affairs officer of the NRC in Illinois. “The steam leak contained very low levels of tritium at concentrations far below the regulatory limit,” she said. “The steam leak condensed, remained in the auxiliary building, and will be treated as radioactive liquid waste. The leak stopped as pressure was reduced in the main steam system during plant cooldown.” The plant remained shut down while repairs were made.
Source: <http://www.hollandsentinel.com/news/x1831587905/Steam-from-leak-at-Palisades-was-radioactive-was-safely-contained>
3. *November 5, BBC News* – (International) **South Korea shuts nuclear reactors over unapproved parts.** South Korea shut down two nuclear reactors after it was revealed that some parts used had not been properly vetted, an official said. BBC News reported November 5 that South Korea's Knowledge Economy Minister said the components were "non-core" parts and were not a safety threat. They included fuses, cooling fans, and power switches that did not have the required nuclear industry certificates. The

shutdown means there could be "unprecedented" power shortages in the next few months, the minister said. The more than 5,000 parts could be used in other industries but needed international certification for nuclear power plant usage, he said. Almost all the parts were used at the Yeonggwang Nuclear Power Plant, where the two reactors were shut down. He said the parts, worth \$750,000, were sourced from eight suppliers since 2003.

Source: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-20202354>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *November 6, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Master Forge gas grills sold at Lowe's stores recalled due to fire and burn hazards; Made by Guangdong Vanward Electric.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Guangdong Vanward Electric, November 6 announced a voluntary recall of about 37,000 Master Forge gas grills. If improperly installed, the hose connecting the gas tank and regulator to the burner control can touch the burner box and cause the hose to melt and rupture when the grill is lit. This poses a fire and burn hazard. Guangdong Vanward is aware of two reports of hoses melting and rupturing. The grills were sold exclusively at Lowe's stores nationwide from November 2011 through May 2012. Consumers should immediately stop using the grill and make sure that the gas hose runs along the outside of the grill cabinet and passes through the round hole in the side panel. Consumers should contact Guangdong Vanward Electric for revised instructions and a warning label to apply to the grill that shows how to properly install the hose and the regulator.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml13/13028.html>

5. *November 6, Galveston Daily News* – (Texas) **Contractor pinned by backhoe dies at shipyard.** A man working at Southwest Shipyard in Galveston, Texas, died November 5 in a construction-related accident involving heavy machinery, an official said. The man was operating a backhoe from outside the cab when he became pinned by the boom, said a Galveston County Medical Examiner's Office official. "For some reason, he got off the backhoe and was standing behind it when he went to move the boom," the official said. The pedal controlling the boom is capable of being maneuvered even when the operator is outside the cab. "It swung around and penned him between the back support leg and the boom," the official said. "Another worker pushed the other pedal and freed him." The man was pronounced dead at the scene.

Source: <http://galvestondailynews.com/story/359850>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Banking and Finance Sector

6. *November 6, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Latrobe bank loses \$182K in check scheme.** Commercial National Financial Corp.'s earnings in the third quarter were hurt by one-time items, including a counterfeit foreign check scheme by "local parties" that cost the Latrobe, Pennsylvania bank \$182,000, the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reported November 6. The parent of Commercial Bank & Trust of Pennsylvania said in its earning statement that "a series of counterfeit non-U.S./foreign check deposits was recorded" in the July-September quarter. The bank paid an additional \$5,000 in legal fees related to the fraud. "Full recovery on this wire fraud recognition and all associated legal costs is being aggressively pursued by corporate legal counsel against the local parties responsible for this incident," the bank's CEO said in the statement.

Source: <http://triblive.com/business/headlines/2899375-74/bank-commercial-quarter-legal-national-check-fraud-alex-cents-costs#axzz2BSITiDUI>

7. *November 6, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Ohio man pleads guilty in credit union scheme.** A developer pleaded guilty in Akron, Ohio, to bank fraud and other charges and will forfeit nearly \$17 million for his part in a fraud scheme that led to the 2010 collapse of a northeast Ohio credit union, the Associated Press reported November 6. Federal officials said the man pleaded guilty November 5 to conspiracy to commit bank fraud and bank bribery, money laundering, bank fraud, bribery, and making false statements of financial institutions. Authorities said the man conspired to submit false loan documents to St. Paul Croatian Federal Credit Union in Eastlake and to pay bribes and kickbacks to get loans for companies he controlled. Authorities said the crimes occurred from December 2003 through March 2010.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/crime/article/Ohio-man-pleads-guilty-in-credit-union-scheme-4011994.php>

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Transportation Sector

8. *November 5, Wall Street Journal* – (New Jersey; New York) **PATH service to return as NJ Transit gets bus aid.** The Port Authority Transit Hub (PATH) train resumed limited service November 6 under the Hudson River from Jersey City to Midtown Manhattan, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey announced. All service was halted on the cross-river rapid-transit service ahead of Hurricane Sandy. The storm surge inundated stations and filled tunnels with what the New York governor estimated was 5 miles of water, knocking out all train service for the week after the storm. PATH trains operated on a limited schedule between Journal Square in Jersey City, New Jersey, and 33rd Street in Manhattan, New York. Service remained suspended on the PATH lines that connect Newark Penn Station and Hoboken through Jersey City to the World Trade Center and Lower Manhattan. Separately, a fleet of 350 buses owned by the U.S. Department of Transportation was expected to begin arriving in New Jersey November 5 to help ease the crippled commute after Sandy heavily damaged NJ Transit. Operational rail lines experienced heavy crowds during the morning commute November 5, with NJ Transit suspending the North Jersey Coast Line because of overcrowding at the Woodbridge station.

Source: <http://blogs.wsj.com/metropolis/2012/11/05/u-s-dot-sending-buses-to-new-jersey/>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

9. *November 6, Duluth News Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Duluth UPS handler accused of thefts on the job.** A Duluth, Minnesota man was accused of stealing computers and DVDs while working for UPS. He was arraigned November 5 in State District Court and charged with six felonies: Three counts of mail theft, two counts of theft of a computer, and one of receiving stolen property. A UPS investigation revealed that there had been a number of packages tampered with and thefts of flat-screen televisions and prescription medications. Duluth police investigators were notified in August that thefts had been occurring at the UPS Center. October 25, boxes of DVDs had been tampered with and packages stolen, and the boxes were found in an area where the man worked. A police investigator ran the suspect's name in an automated pawn system and learned that he had been highly active in pawning items at Pawn America and Lincoln Park Pawn. Hundreds of DVDs were pawned on October 23-24. The investigator was able to link the pawned items to UPS claim reports. The stolen items included a laptop computer, two Kindle e-readers, and the DVDs. Officers executed an amended search warrant of the suspect's vehicle and located a video packing slip, Pawn America pawn slips in his name, four DVDs in a Pawn America bag, packaging materials, a Vizio laptop with a tracking number, a baggie containing materials consistent with marijuana, and UPS packaging material.

Source: <http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/event/article/id/248911/group/Business/>

10. *November 5, Bonney Lake-Sumner Patch* – (Washington) **Bonney Lake Police reports: Multiple mailboxes broken into, \$4,000 in equipment stolen from vehicle, and shoplifting suspect leaves ID papers behind.** Bonney Lake-Sumner Patch reported November 5 that Bonney Lake Police responded to a report that several locked and unlocked mailboxes had been broken into and mail stolen. The initial victim reported she had noticed mailboxes had also been broken into and she believes the thefts happened overnight between October 27 and October 28. Officers tried to verify how many victims there were but were still waiting for more victims to come forward to be able to verify what was stolen.
Source: <http://bonneylake-sumner.patch.com/articles/bonney-lake-police-reports-multiple-mailboxes-broken-into-4-000-in-equipment-stolen-from-vehicle-and-shoplifting-suspect-leaves-id-papers-behind>
11. *November 5, Rochester Democrat and Chronicle* – (New York) **Man pleads guilty to mail theft and tampering.** A U.S. attorney said in a news release November 5 that former postal employee pleaded guilty to mail theft and mail tampering before a U.S. district judge and faces a maximum penalty of 10 of years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both. He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service as an electronic technician at the Rochester, New York Logistics and Distribution Center. While working there, he repeatedly opened mail illegally and stole the contents of the mail. Some of the stolen items included cash, jewelry and gold items, collectible coins, and a rare Mickey Mantle baseball card, among other things. The plea was the culmination of an investigation on the part of Special Agents of the U.S. Postal Service and Office of Inspector General.
Source: <http://www.democratandchronicle.com/article/20121105/NEWS01/311050057>
12. *November 5, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Stolen Fargo mail truck recovered in Grand Forks.** Authorities are investigating the theft of a contracted mail truck in Fargo, North Dakota. Police said the truck owned by a private company was parked near a U.S. Postal Service parking building before it was taken late November 4 or early November 5. It was recovered November 5 in Grand Forks.
Source: <http://www.thedickinsonpress.com/event/article/id/62732/group/homepage/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

13. *November 6, Fresno Bee* – (California) **Gunman kills 1, wounds 3 in central Fresno workplace shooting.** A police spokesman said a gunman shot four coworkers, killing one, then walked outside Valley Protein poultry processing plant in Fresno, California, and shot himself November 6. The gunman and two of the people he shot were taken to a nearby medical center and were in critical condition. A third person was shot in the lower back area; her condition was not immediately known. "We're still trying to determine what provoked these actions," the police spokesman said.
Source: <http://www.fresnobee.com/2012/11/06/3056141/at-least-3-reported-shot-at-central.html>

14. *November 5, Food Safety News* – (New York) **NY spinach E. coli outbreak rises to 19.** Food Safety News reported November 5 that at least 19 New Yorkers have fallen ill in an E. coli outbreak linked to spinach salad mix purchased at Wegmans stores. That number rose from the 16 cases first confirmed by the New York State Department of Health November 2. Of those ill, five have been hospitalized, with four already discharged. The illnesses are spread across five counties: Monroe, Niagara, Steuben, Wayne, and Erie. Wegmans issued a voluntary recall of their Wegmans Food You Feel Good About Organic Spinach & Spring Mix November 1.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/11/ny-spinach-e-coli-outbreak-rises-to-19/>

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Water Sector

15. *November 6, Newark Star-Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Boil water advisory issued in parts of Middlesex County.** The Middlesex Water Company warned customers they may face a complete loss of water service after a power failure November 5 at its New Brunswick, New Jersey intake stations. Customers in Carteret, Clark, Edison, Highland Park, Metuchen, South Amboy, South Plainfield, the Melrose section of Sayreville, and all sections of Woodbridge could lose water service, the company said. Customers who continue to have water service were advised to boil water before drinking. Efforts to restore power could be completed by November 6, but the statement did not mention when the repairs would be completed. Both the company's treatment plant and intake station were on emergency power from October 29 to the weekend of November 3. The station that draws in the water supply lost power again November 5, and then a backup generator malfunctioned, the statement read. This boil water advisory was from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
Source: http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/11/boil_water_advisory_issued_in.html
16. *November 5, Nashua Telegraph* – (New York) **Election eve water main break in Hudson closes Lions Avenue.** A break in a water main under the street and parking lot of the only polling place in Hudson, New York, November 5, had town and Pennichuck Water Works crews scrambling to fix the problem before the polls opened November 6. Witnesses said a series of mini-geysers began bubbling up through cracks and other openings on Lions Avenue between the Community Center and Hurley Street. The road and the parking lot across from the center flooded. Crews from Pennichuck arrived and shut off the main on the north end of Lions Avenue before walking down to inspect the road and parking lot. Residents of the apartment buildings at 2 and 3 Lions Avenue were without water for part of the night. Police blocked off Lions Avenue. With heavy voter traffic expected as soon as the polls open, the fire captain said crews would likely work through the night to shore up areas where water weakened the road surface.
Source: <http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/news/982536-469/election-eve-water-main-break-in-hudson.html>

17. *November 5, Suffolk News-Herald* – (Virginia) **Sewage release ‘catastrophic’**. The total raw sewage discharge from a break near Wilroy Road and Shingle Creek in Virginia approached 15 million gallons November 5 as crews scrambled to bypass the damaged portion of concrete pipe. The discharge continued at a rate of about 1,000 gallons per minute, which was needed to reduce the pressure at the point of repair, according to a Hampton Roads Sanitation District spokeswoman. A contractor working at the site hopes to install a bypass of the pipe November 9 and stop the discharge. Complete repairs will take about a month. The chairman of the Nansemond River Preservation Alliance’s water quality committee said samples taken after the leak began to show record highs in the amount of E. coli bacteria, nearly 10 times higher than the previous recorded highs in that location from 1985.

Source: <http://www.suffolknews herald.com/2012/11/05/sewage-release-catastrophic/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

18. *November 6, Salisbury Post* – (North Carolina) **Rowan woman gets prison for Medicare fraud**. A Rowan County woman will spend more than 8 years in prison and pay nearly \$800,000 in restitution for her role in a Medicare and Medicaid fraud scheme, the U.S. Attorney's Office for western North Carolina said October 5. The women pleaded guilty in January to submitting fraudulent claims for power wheelchairs and collecting more than \$300,000 in reimbursements from Medicare and Medicaid in 2008 and 2009. She used her job at a medical practice to create fake referrals for the wheelchairs, forging physicians' signatures, while her co-conspirator, who worked at a medical supply company, tracked and directed payments. Her co-defendant was sentenced to 4 years in prison and ordered to pay more than \$358,000 in restitution to Medicaid, Medicare, and Medco Health Solutions. The two also admitted to forging prescriptions for pain relievers and then selling the drugs, netting about \$30,000. Prosecutors also said the Rowan County woman was involved in a separate scheme to submit claims for unnecessary medical procedures. Between 2008 and 2011, she collected more than \$400,000 in payments.

Source: <http://www.salisburypost.com/News/110612-karen-wills-sentenced>

19. *November 6, WRAL 5 Raleigh* – (North Carolina) **1 killed, 3 injured in fire at Durham hospital**. One patient was killed and three staff members were injured November 6 in a fire on the sixth floor of North Carolina's Durham Regional Hospital, officials said. Authorities responded to an explosion call several hours after midnight, but Durham Fire Department officials said there was no evidence of an explosion when they arrived on scene. The cause of the fire was not released, but authorities said the hospital's sprinkler system and hospital staff had the fire under control when they arrived. The sixth floor houses Select Specialty Hospital, a separate facility that specializes in long-term acute care for patients who have longer stays in the hospital. The unit has 30 beds. Officials confirmed that three staff members were treated for minor injuries. Three patients in the area of the fire were transported to the hospital's intensive care unit to continue receiving care, officials said. The hospital was operating

on its normal schedule 5 hours later. No other information was released.

Source: <http://www.wral.com/explosion-reported-on-sixth-floor-of-durham-regional-hospital/11742138/>

20. *November 5, Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Chiropractor pleads guilty to fraud in accident-staging ring.** A Broward, Florida chiropractor November 5 pleaded guilty to a federal charge connected to an accident-staging ring at two clinics in Palm Beach County, according to court records. She admitted to one count of conspiring to commit mail fraud and agreed to pay more than \$1.92 million in restitution to 10 insurance companies. She allowed her name to be used to establish two chiropractic clinics, Ovy Rehabilitation Medical Center, Inc. in West Palm Beach, and Chiropractic Office of South Florida, LLC in Palm Springs. Both clinics were used to submit fraudulent insurance claims on behalf of "patients" who were involved in staged accidents and pretended they needed treatment, federal prosecutors said. Recruiters found drivers and their friends or family members to take part in the faked accidents and then claim personal injury protection payments of \$10,000 per person. The recruiters sent the "patients" to clinics where staff filed fraudulent paperwork for them. She signed off on prescriptions and paperwork falsely claiming that full, lengthy examinations and treatments were provided when she knew that participants got little or no treatment.

Source: http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2012-11-05/news/fl-chiropractor-plea-20121105_1_chiropractic-clinics-chiropractor-chiropractic-office

21. *November 5, Nashville Tennessean* – (Tennessee) **Meningitis outbreak: TN reports 13th death.** A thirteenth death from fungal meningitis was reported in Tennessee, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said November 5. The number of Tennessee illnesses grew by 1 to 79, the State health department said. The additional case of sickness was not included in the CDC's count. Tennessee's additional case of infection brings the national tally to 420, including 10 joint infections. All are associated with potentially contaminated epidural steroid injections from the New England Compounding Center, a specialty pharmacy in Framingham, Massachusetts. Michigan leads the nation with 119 reported cases, 7 more than what was reported November 2. New meningitis cases also were reported in Indiana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Virginia the weekend of November 3, the CDC said. New Hampshire also reported a new joint infection, its fourth.

Source:

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20121105/NEWS07/311050049/Meningitis-outbreak-TN-reports-13th-death>

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Government Facilities Sector

22. *November 5, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Carbon monoxide leak sends 25 students to hospitals.** About 25 children were hospitalized in good condition after a carbon monoxide leak at a Chicago elementary school November 5. The children

suffered from nausea, vomiting, and headaches. Initially, 14 children were hospitalized. A Level 1 HAZMAT was called for the leak at Harold Washington Elementary School, according to Fire Media Affairs. Firefighters ventilated the third floor of the building with fans and evaluated the students before sending them to hospitals. The leak may have been due to a faulty boiler.

Source: <http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2012/11/05/carbon-monoxide-leak-sends-25-students-to-hospitals/>

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Emergency Services Sector

23. *November 6, Steuben Courier Advocate* – (Pennsylvania) **Pa. firefighter allegedly called in fake emergencies.** A Mansfield, Pennsylvania firefighter was arrested for allegedly making a pair of fake emergency calls, the Steuben Courier reported November 6. He was charged with 2 counts of first-degree false alarms to agencies of public safety and 12 counts of recklessly endangering another person. The firefighter is accused of making two fake emergency calls, one in June and one in early October, according to Pennsylvania State Police in Mansfield. According to troopers, the first call occurred June 7. The caller reported a biker had been injured. Numerous emergency responders, including helicopters, responded to the scene and conducted aerial and ground searches in the mountainous and heavily wooded area. The search ended after dark, and a State police helicopter searched again June 8. No injured biker was found. The second false report occurred October 2. The caller reported a structure fire in Sullivan Township. Numerous fire departments responded to the call, but after a search of the area turned up no fire, firefighters determined the call was bogus. After the fake fire call, members of the Mansfield Hose Company investigated and determined the calls were made by the same caller, and they recognized the voice as one of their own firefighters.

Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10825167/pa-firefighter-allegedly-called-in-fake-emergencies>

24. *November 5, WLEX 18 Lexington* – (Kentucky) **Police say jail escapee stole car during test drive in Nelson County.** One of two inmates who escaped from the Marion Adjustment Center in Kentucky the week of October 29 was spotted November 5 when he allegedly stole a car during a test drive from a Nelson County car dealership. Bardstown police received a stolen vehicle report and were told that a salesman was providing a test drive with the inmate. The inmate allegedly requested the salesman go inside Walmart to surprise his daughter as he explained the vehicle purchase was a gift to her. When the salesman returned, the vehicle and the inmate were gone. Police said the salesman identified the suspect as the inmate that escaped.

Source: <http://www.lex18.com/news/police-say-jail-escapee-stole-car-during-test-drive-in-nelson-county>

25. *November 5, KGW 8 Portland* – (Oregon) **Portland police car firebombed in parking lot.** A police patrol car was hit with a Molotov cocktail in Portland, Oregon, November 5 while parked in a lot near the North Precinct headquarters. A man was accused of first-degree attempted arson, possession of a destructive device, second-degree disorderly conduct and criminal mischief, attempting to elude by vehicle, and obstruction of governmental administration. "One of the neighbors yelled that someone tried to firebomb one of our patrol cars," a sergeant said. "(Officers) looked up saw a person running away, gave chase and caught that person several blocks away and he's in custody right now." Several other neighbors heard popping and loud bangs from the lit bomb tossed by a bicyclist. The bomb reportedly hit the hood of the police car and exploded after hitting the ground. No one was injured. The police car was not damaged, the sergeant said.
Source: <http://www.kgw.com/home/Portland-police-car-firebombed-at-North-Precinct-177245901.html>
26. *November 5, Riverside Press-Enterprise* – (California) **Laser-pointing Calif. woman arrested for third time.** A San Jacinto, California woman was arrested November 2 on suspicion of shining a laser at a San Jacinto police cruiser and a Riverside County sheriff's helicopter. It was the third time she was arrested on similar circumstances, police said. Police said she was shining a laser at a police cruiser driving in San Jacinto. Police requested a sheriff's helicopter to search for the person shining the laser in the neighborhood, a sergeant said. As a helicopter hovered, police said the woman pointed the laser at the pilot several times. The helicopter crew directed officers to her home where the laser was coming from. Police arrested the woman on suspicion of seven counts of pointing a laser at an aircraft and police.
Source: <http://www.officer.com/news/10824662/laser-pointing-calif-woman-arrested-for-third-time>

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Information Technology Sector

27. *November 6, Ars Technica* – (New Jersey) **E-voting chaos: NJ voters sent to official's personal Hotmail address.** Security experts warned that New Jersey's plan for email-based voting was a recipe for problems, and anecdotal evidence became apparent November 6 that the system did not work as well as organizers hoped. The problems were first spotted by BuzzFeed, which noted that a number of voters have tweeted about having their emails to county voting officials bounce. Essex County is in the suburbs of New York and has nearly 800,000 residents. As one of the largest counties in the State, it struggled to keep up with the demand for email ballots. Aware of the problems with the official email system, the Essex County clerk suggested that displaced voters could email a request for a ballot to his personal email address, according to a post on the Facebook page of the town of West Orange. However, a security researcher noted that the clerk's Hotmail address has his mother's maiden name as a "password recovery"

question. This means that anyone who can figure out the clerk's mother's maiden name could seize control of his Hotmail account and intercept voters' official ballot requests. Morris County also experienced problems November 6. The county's election Web site instructs voters to send ballot requests to a government address. However, when users sent email to that address, they received a delivery failure notification from the County's mail server in reply.

Source: <http://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2012/11/e-voting-chaos-nj-voters-sent-to-officials-personal-hotmail-address/>

28. *November 6, Krebs on Security* – (Missouri) **Cyberheists ‘a helluva wake-up call’ to small biz.** A \$180,000 robbery took the building security and maintenance system installer Primary Systems Inc. by complete surprise. More than two-dozen people helped to steal funds from the company’s coffers in an overnight heist in May, but none of the perpetrators were ever caught on video. Rather, a single virus-laden email that an employee clicked on let the attackers open a digital backdoor, exposing security weaknesses that persist between many banks and their corporate customers. The St. Louis-based firm first learned that things were not quite right May 30, when the company’s payroll manager logged into her account at the local bank and discovered that an oversized payroll batch for approximately \$180,000 had been sent through May 29. The money was pushed out of Primary Systems’ bank accounts in amounts between \$5,000 and \$9,000 to 26 individuals throughout the United States who had no prior interaction with the firm, and who had been added to the firm’s payroll that very same day. The 26 were “money mules,” willing or unwitting participants who are hired through work-at-home job schemes to help cyber thieves move money abroad. Most of the mules hired in this attack were instructed to send the company’s funds to recipients in Ukraine.

Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2012/11/cyberheists-a-helluva-wake-up-call-to-small-biz/>

29. *November 6, The H* – (International) **Sophos fixes critical security vulnerability.** A security expert revealed critical security vulnerabilities in Sophos antivirus software. This includes the publication of a proof-of-concept for a root exploit for Sophos 8.0.6 for Mac OS X, which utilizes a stack buffer overflow when searching through PDF files. The vulnerability is also likely to affect Linux and Windows versions. The security expert published a full analysis on the SecLists.org security mailing list newsletter. A module for the Metasploit penetration testing software is now also available. According to information from Sophos, the security deficits listed have been fixed since November 5 and the antivirus company is not aware of any of the vulnerabilities having been exploited in the wild. The complete list of bugs identified by the security expert will, it said, be fixed by November 28 at the latest. The security expert's paper on security deficits in Sophos software is particularly critical of the product's approach to address space layout randomization (ASLR). The paper also describes the ability to use PDF file encryption to trigger a stack buffer overflow, allowing an attacker to use a crafted URL or email to execute malicious code on an affected computer.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Sophos-fixes-critical-security-vulnerability-1744777.html>

30. *November 6, The H* – (International) **Android 4.2 warns against malicious apps and premium rate texts.** The upcoming Android 4.2 release will introduce new security features which, until now, Google has been quiet about. In an interview with Computerworld, the VP of Android Engineering at Google detailed two new security features in the latest version of the mobile operating system — a reputation service for applications and a system to protect users from being ripped off by expensive premium rate texts. Version 4.2 of Android includes what is essentially cloud-based antivirus software, which warns against known malicious files on request. If the "Verify apps" options is selected, prior to installing an app from a source other than the official Play Store (a process known as "sideloading"), Android will check a signature of the APK installation file with a Google server.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Android-4-2-warns-against-malicious-apps-and-premium-rate-texts-1744110.html>
31. *November 6, Infosecurity* – (International) **New Gh0st-related malware discovered.** A new type of malware, backdoor.ADDNEW, was recently identified, Infosecurity reported November 5. It is based on the Russian DaRK DDoSer malware and has a link with the Gh0st RAT trojan. Gh0st RAT is the trojan linked to Gh0stNet, a cyber espionage network largely reporting to command and control servers in China. In the past, recruitment to the Gh0stNet has mainly been achieved by targeted emails carrying a malicious attachment that drops a trojan that can download the Gh0st RAT, which then allows its controllers to gain complete real-time control of infected Windows computers.
Source: <http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/view/29166/new-gh0strelated-malware-discovered/>
32. *November 6, Softpedia* – (International) **US voters targeted with malware hidden in fake election documents, YouTube videos.** As U.S. citizens prepared to elect their president, cybercriminals have intensified their malicious campaigns in an effort to take advantage of the hype that surrounds the event. Security experts from GFI Labs discovered a myriad of schemes. For example, individuals who might be forced to vote via email or fax because of the damages caused by Hurricane Sandy might come across an executable file which hides a piece of malware. Researchers also discovered files which contain an executable that actually opens an election-related document when it is executed. However, in the background, a malicious element is unleashed. Finally, some YouTube videos were found to advertise links that lead to malicious movie players and download managers.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/US-Voters-Targeted-with-Malware-Hidden-in-Fake-Election-Documents-YouTube-Videos-304887.shtml>
33. *November 6, Help Net Security* – (International) **Most Android malware are SMS trojans.** Android versions 2.3.6, or "Gingerbread," and 4.0.4, or "Ice Cream Sandwich," were the most popular Android targets among cybercriminals during the

third quarter of 2012, according to Kaspersky Lab. The rapid growth in the number of new mobile malicious programs for Android continued in the third quarter, prompting the specialists at Kaspersky Lab to identify the platform versions most frequently targeted by cybercriminals. Android 2.3.6 Gingerbread accounted for 28 percent of all blocked attempts to install malware, while the second most commonly attacked version was the new 4.0.4 Ice Cream Sandwich, which accounted for 22 percent of attempts. "Although Gingerbread was released back in September 2011, due to the segmentation of the Android device market it still remains one of the most popular versions, which, in turn, attracts increased interest from cybercriminals," a senior malware analyst at Kaspersky Lab said. "The popularity of the most recent version of the Android OS - Ice Cream Sandwich - among virus writers can be explained by the fact that the devices running the latest versions of the OS are more suitable for online activities. Unfortunately, users actively surfing the web often end up on malicious sites," he added. More than half of all malware detected on users smartphones turned out to be SMS trojans, that is, malicious programs that steal money from victims' mobile accounts by sending SMS messages to premium rate numbers.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2312

34. *November 6, The H* – (International) **Plone releases fixes for 24 vulnerabilities.** After an alert the week of October 29 that Zope and the Plone CMS were vulnerable to 24 security holes that could have led to privilege escalation and code injection, the developers now released a hotfix for Plone that closes them. The hotfix was tested with Plone 4.2, Plone 4.1, Plone 4, Plone 3, Plone 2.5, and Plone 2.1. The list of flaws was extensive: issues include the ability for anonymous users to execute arbitrary Python in the admin interface, crafting of URLs which can log users out, an ability to escape the Python sandbox, cross-site scripting (XSS) issues, permissions bypasses, denial-of-service through unsanitized inputs or by requesting large collections, anonymous manipulation of content item titles, unauthorized downloading of BLOB content, password timing attacks, and more. According to a Plone security team member, some of the vulnerabilities affect only Plone 3 or Plone 4, others are in Zope or other libraries. Although many of the issues are relatively minor, there are some serious issues within the 24 vulnerabilities. The developers did not break down the vulnerabilities publicly by which version or location is affected, but ensured that applying the hotfix to any vulnerable version of Plone removes the risk. Many of the issues were found by the Plone Security Team who were conducting an audit of the code, although some were reported by users.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Plone-releases-fixes-for-24-vulnerabilities-1744808.html>

35. *November 6, The H* – (International) **Users take their time over Java and Flash updates.** Of the computers studied by Kaspersky in the third quarter of 2012, 35 percent suffered from a Java vulnerability and 19 percent from a vulnerability in an Adobe product. Comparing Kaspersky's quarterly security reports from 2010-2012 shows that the Oracle and Adobe update agents are not good enough at getting their users to carry out updates. Since 2010, Java and Flash Player have been at the top of the Kaspersky list. Microsoft, in contrast, has gradually dropped out of the top 10,

suggesting that its patch routines are working. Kaspersky's top 10 for the third quarter of 2012 is filled by Oracle Java, Adobe Flash Player, Reader, and Shockwave, Apple's QuickTime and iTunes, and Nullsoft's Winamp. Thirty-five percent of the computers studied by Kaspersky were affected by vulnerabilities in Java, with just under 19 percent vulnerable to infection through the Adobe Flash Player.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Users-take-their-time-over-Java-and-Flash-updates-1744574.html>

36. *November 5, The H* – (International) **Avira incompatible with Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012.** In a new knowledge base post on its site, security company Avira is now warning customers that its products are currently incompatible with Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012. Upgrading from Windows 7 to Windows 8 with existing Avira products installed will result in a blue error screen. Apparently, the problem will only be fixed by the company in the first quarter of 2013. Avira said "significant changes to the operating system platform" of Windows 8 and Windows Server 2012 are the reason for the incompatibility. On systems already upgraded to the latest version of Windows, Avira software can only be uninstalled manually. In order to do so, systems may need to be booted in safe mode.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Avira-incompatible-with-Windows-8-and-Windows-Server-2012-1743293.html>

37. *November 5, Infosecurity* – (International) **Apple releases update for iOS addressing iPhone, iPad critical flaws.** Apple released a new iOS, version 6.0.2, that addresses a several vulnerabilities in the system affecting iPhone 3GS and later, the iPod touch fourth generation and later, and the iPad 2 and later devices. The update addresses a vulnerability that allows maliciously crafted or compromised iOS applications to determine addresses in the kernel. An information disclosure issue existed in the handling of APIs related to kernel extensions, Apple said. "Responses containing an OSBundleMachOHeaders key may have included kernel addresses, which may aid in bypassing address space layout randomization protection," the company noted. "This issue was addressed by unsliding the addresses before returning them."

Source: <http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/view/29136/apple-releases-update-for-ios-addressing-iphone-ipad-critical-flaws/>

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Communications Sector

Nothing to report

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38. *November 6, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **1 dead, 4 injured in Jersey City fire.** Authorities said an elderly resident was killed and four firefighters were injured by a massive blaze that engulfed two apartment buildings in Jersey City, New Jersey, November 6. The fire chief said the victim died in the fire. He added that one firefighter fell three stories from a ladder and was hospitalized in serious but stable condition. He said the injured firefighter suffered broken bones and possibly a collapsed lung, while three other firefighters suffered minor injuries. The four-alarm fire broke out in a three-story building and soon spread to an adjoining building. Each building has six apartments.
Source: <http://www.courierpostonline.com/article/20121106/NEWS01/211060307/1-dead-4-injured-Jersey-City-fire>
39. *November 6, Homeland Security News Wire* – (New York) **Many NYC buildings to remain closed for weeks, months for clean-up, repairs.** Water and winds produced by Hurricane Sandy October 29 destroyed mechanical and electrical systems in many commercial and residential buildings in Lower Manhattan, New York City. As a result, many buildings in the area are weeks or months away from being repaired and fully operational, Homeland Security News Wire reported November 6. Several occupants were informed they cannot return to their buildings until November 22, while it could take until early 2013 or even later before others can return. For most of these buildings, the full extent of the damage has not been assessed as owners are still pumping out water, some of which are contaminated by toxins. The Department of Buildings told all real estate owners in New York's mandatory evacuation zones that reoccupation is not permitted until the department inspects a building and a green approval sticker is issued. Approval will be granted to a building if it has power and a licensed professional engineer or registered architect submits a report which confirms its safety.
Source: <http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20121106-many-nyc-buildings-to-remain-closed-for-weeks-months-for-cleanup-repairs>
40. *November 6, Bloomberg News* – (New Jersey) **N.J. town ordering evacuations as the governor considers them.** Brick Township, New Jersey, ordered evacuations November 6 while the New York Governor considered evacuations for his State as a new storm threatens gales, rain, and flooding. The mandatory evacuation was issued for residents in the low-lying waterfront areas. Those elsewhere whose homes were damaged by Hurricane Sandy were "strongly encouraged" to leave, according to a notice on the town's Web site. About 31 percent of the 36,000 homes and businesses in Brick had power November 6, according to Jersey Central Power & Light. Emergency workers distributed blankets along with food and water, and police used loudspeakers to urge people to go where they could be warm and safe. The National Weather Service said the new storm may bring wind gusts of as much as 60 miles per hour and drive a tidal surge up to 4 feet above normal.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-11-06/n-dot-j-dot-town-ordering-evacuations-as-cuomo-considers-them>

41. *November 5, KTOO 104.3 FM Juneau* – (Alaska) **Firefighters fight downtown blaze.** Capital City Fire and Rescue spent November 5 fighting a fire at the Gastineau Apartments in downtown Juneau, Alaska. The division chief estimated between 50 and 60 firefighters responded to the scene. He said the two confirmed injuries were non-life threatening. The City and Borough of Juneau Emergency Programs Manager said the Red Cross established an emergency shelter at Centennial Hall. He said the fire did not appear to spread to any other structures, but some nearby buildings were evacuated due to heavy smoke. Alaska Electric Light and Power also shut off electricity throughout much of downtown Juneau while firefighters battled the fire.
Source: <http://www.ktoo.org/2012/11/05/breaking-firefighters-fighting-blaze-downtown/>
42. *November 5, Middletown Journal* – (Ohio) **Middletown business a total loss after fire.** The Middletown, Ohio business, Kwik and Kold, that caught fire November 4 was a total loss, fire officials said, and it could be another week before investigators are able to determine a cause. “The building is not stable enough for me to get in and do any type of investigation,” said the fire marshal. Crews were dispatched and first responders arrived to flames shooting from the rear of the building. They immediately called for assistance. Monroe and Franklin fire departments responded, and 7-10 additional Middletown firefighters were called in to assist the 16 that were already on duty. “We had about 40 or 50 people here,” the fire marshal said. The building sustained about \$150,000 worth of damage. The estimated damage of the building's contents destroyed in the fire is \$125,000. The value of the building and land is around \$79,700, according to the Butler County Auditor’s Office Web site.
Source: <http://www.middletownjournal.com/news/news/middletown-business-a-total-loss-after-fire/nSxh4/>
43. *November 5, Examiner.com* – (National) **182,000 file for assistance with FEMA from NY, NJ, CT; \$158 million approved.** As of November 4, more than 182,000 individuals in Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey registered for assistance, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved more than \$158 million for individuals to assist with housing and other disaster-related needs. Disaster Recovery Centers opened in the hardest hit areas. The U.S. Small Business Administration began opening Business Recovery Centers in impacted areas of New Jersey and New York. These Centers provide one-on-one help to business owners seeking disaster assistance for losses caused by Hurricane Sandy. Businesses and non-profit organizations may be eligible to borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. To date, the President declared that major disasters exist in Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey, and emergency declarations were made in 11 States and the District of Columbia. Federal and State personnel are on the ground to conduct joint preliminary damage assessments in several States. These assessments are designed to give the governor of each State a better picture of damages, and to

determine if a request for further federal support is needed.

Source: <http://www.examiner.com/article/182-000-file-for-assistance-with-fema-from-ny-nj-ct-158-million-approved>

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44. *November 6, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Several wildfires burn in Colorado.** A wildfire west of the Vallecito Reservoir in southwest Colorado grew to about 1,000 acres, the Associated Press reported November 6. The U.S. Forest service said the fire is about 25 percent contained. State officials issued a health advisory for portions of eastern La Plata County because of smoke being generated by the fire, which was burning in the San Juan National Forest.

Source: <http://www.9news.com/news/local/article/298128/222/Several-wildfires-burn-in-Colorado>

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45. *November 5, Chico Enterprise Record* – (California) **Levees north of Chico receive poor grade in federal inspections.** Miles of levees north of Chico, California, were rated unacceptable by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers after a recent round of inspections, the Chico Enterprise Record reported November 5. The waterways included areas of Sycamore Creek, Mud Creek, Sheep Hollow Creek, Dry Creek, and the northernmost portion of Big Chico Creek. There were also waterways on the "unacceptable list" in Tehama County near Gerber along Elder Creek. The ratings leave the levees unqualified for federal repair funds if they fail. After Hurricane Katrina, the Corps conducted a fresh review of levees in 2011 and will do another thorough review in about 5 years. This was the first time such detail has been mapped in California. The point of the increased inspection by the Corps is to bring all the levees into federal standards. Similar inspections of levees are planned in the Durham, Biggs, and Richvale areas along Butte Creek and Cherokee Canal.

Source: http://www.chicoer.com/fromthenewspaper/ci_21937265/levees-north-chico-receive-poor-grade-federal-inspections

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